

Cambridge Borough Police, Station House Journal, September 1837

Friday 1st to Saturday 2nd September 1837

P.C. to report

P.C.19 Tyler has neglected to come to the Station when he leaves duty of a morning & has sent his lamp by his children twice this week. Green & Smith witnesses.
Over-written "Admonished"

Ditto

P.C.23 Deborix sent a note at 11pm to say he was sick.
Added in a different hand "N.B. was seen to go down Russell Street about 7pm by me J.C."

A woman taken home

P.C.20 Atkinson reports that at 11pm he found Mrs Tempany sitting on a door step in East Road she requested him to see her to a friends house in New Town which he did.

Tea party

P.C.12 Earl reports there was a tea party and dance at the beer shop in Blucher Row kept by Thos Tarrant broke up at 3am.

Disturbances prevented

P.C.12 reports that he put a stop to several disturbances in Blucher & Union Row during the night.

Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd September 1837

Edward Buy Supernumary

Edward Buy went on duty as Supernumary till approved of by the Committee.

P.S.Stearn

P.S. Stearn leave of absence for one week, left Cambridge for London at 12 at night.

A person detained on suspicion of Felony

Detained by the police supposed to be stolen – one bright bay 2 year old colt about 14 hands high – 2 hind heels white & near fore foot white to the fetlock joint & blaze on the face – also a dark brown cob – switch-tail – 6 years old – 14 hands high - & has been used to the collar. The Colt has 2 shoes on the fore feet & W.R. on the near side.

P.C. to report

Inspr Corbyn reports P.C. Atkinson off his Beat at 2 o'clock am – witness Robinson P.C.17.

Disturbance prevented

P.S.Watts reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Bridge Street 1 o'clock am.

Ditto

P.C. Benton reports he put a stop to a disturbance at the Red Bull in Sidney St at ¼ to 11 o'clock pm.

Sunday 3rd to Monday 4th September 1837

Beer House to report

Inspr Green reports there were two persons with one glass of ale at 11 ½ & at 12 there were five persons with 2 or three ½ pints of ale and the landlord came out of the cellar with a full quart – at the Turn Stile East Road Landlord Wm H Apthorpe kept by his servant Chs Pryor.

Ditto

The Hoops Beer Shop kept by Wm Ratcliffe Barnwell had 3 men smoking and drinking at ¼ before 12 they with the landlord were outside the door.

P.C. to report

P.C.23 Deborix reported himself sick last night and did not attend the Surgeon today – and has not been at home all day.

Door found open

P.C.22 Pond reports that the door of No 8 New Square was wide open at ¼ before 1 am he called them up.

Complaint

Insp. Green requests that when P.S. Smith may be on day duty for the future he may be required to relieve the Inspector at 6am as other PS do - for the last two weeks Smith has been on day duty he has reliev'd the Inspector but twice till near 8am.

P.C. Deborix sick and absent from house all night

P.S. Rooke reports he visited P.C. Deborix House at 9am, and saw his wife who said her husband had been out all night. He also went to the House of Miss Barton a notorious prostitute, in Russell Street New Town and enquired if he was there. She denied he was there at that time but said he frequently did go there, and she wondered a Man like Deborix could disgrace himself to be a Policeman to be nosed about by every one.

Piping to the Town Engine Maint[ain]ing

Application to be made to the Watch Committee for some new piping to the Town Engine. [Maintaining the town engines was a topical issue after two recent serious fires in the town. An anonymous letter to the Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle, published on 2 September 1837 p2, suggested that the engines should be inspected and worked every six weeks and that in addition to providing suitable engines, the Watch Committee should pay a retainer for trained men to operate the engines in the event of a fire.]

Monday 4th to Tuesday 5th September 1837

P.C.s who are reported

Benton, Simkin, Bidwell to see the Supt at the Hall to Morrow at 12 o'clock.

Gas left on

The gas of one of the lamps over the Gateway was carelessly left on all day. J.C.

Mrs Tempany destitute

About 9 o'clock pm Mrs. Tempany came to the Station & said she had no place to abide in, P.C. Tyler went with her home but her Husband turned her out - he then took her to the Spinning House - but she refused to abide with Prostitutes there & came back to the Station House & was locked up. J.C.

Fights stopped

P.C. 18 Anable reports he put a stop to a fight in Butcher Row at 10pm.

Tea Party

P.S. Smith reports there was a Party at the Castle in Butcher Row kept by Mr Christmas.

Beer House visited

P.C. Hackney reports the Dun Cow Beer Shop Pound Hill was open at 12 ½ o'clock & 4 persons drinking therein – Landlords name Wm Mackness.

Disturbance stopped

P.C.22 Pond reports he suppressed a disturbance in Sidney St at 10 ½ pm.

Ditto

P.C.7 Bye reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Market St at 12 ½ o'clock.

P.C.20 to report

P.S. Rooke reports P.C. Atkinson 20 the worse for liquor at 1 o'clock am.

Beer House to report

P.C. Garner reports there was a dancing Party at the Jolly Gardiners in New St – broke up at 3 ½ am.

Beer House opening night

P.C. Rocket reports there was a Party dancing & singing at the Strugglers in Eaden Walk. Broke up at 3 ½ am.

[Report of Gas]

The Lamps in the Town were put out at 4 ½ am. Smith

Tuesday 5th to Wednesday 6th September 1837

P.C.16 to report

P.C. 16 Benton came at 12 to report himself sick. P.C. Pond, P.S. Rooke and myself believe he was unable to keep on because he was drunk.

Disorderly Gownsmen

Inspector Green reports that as he was at the end of Jesus Lane he observ'd six or seven Gentlemen very disorderly shouting and kicking at the doors and shutters and ringing many bells all the way up to Fair Street when they were met by P.C.s Simkin and Bidwell and were brought to the station. They refus'd to give their names therefore the Pro Proctor was sent for - before he came, Forbes assisted two of them Weatherby & Hutchins over the wall into Worlands Yard and they effected their escape - the others left after their names were given to Mr. Barnes and myself.

[Edward BAINES was the Senior Proctor in 1837]

A boy destitute

A Boy about 7 years old who says his Father resides at Gold Street was brought to the station at 10pm. He says his Father turn'd him out on Monday and he laid in a Coal shed all that night belonging to Mr Sivell in James Street when he went again last night Mr Sivell requested the P.C. to take him to his Father who refus'd to take him in - the boy had no food during he day - the boys name is Slater.

Wednesday 6th to Thursday 7th September 1837

P.C. to report

P.C. Bidwell did not come on duty till ¼ to 10pm – he said he was call'd to put a stop to a disturbance at the Dolphin New Town.

Over-written "explained".

Disturbance in Eaden Walk

P.S. Rooke reports there was a disturbance in Eaden Walk from a report of a Man's cruelty to his child. He went into the House & found the Boy in Bed. There was (sic) no marks of violence to be seen - wished the mob to disperse which after some time they did - there was (sic) 2 or 3 panes of glass broken. 11 pm.

Public House open

P.C.19 Tyler reports there were 4 persons left the Waggon & Horses Public House Market St at 1 ½ am. Stevens Landlord.

[Instruction for the Police]

It is quite right to report when Persons are seen to come out of Public Houses at a late hour as should anything occur it may be the means of leading to a discovery. [This entry is in the Superintendent's hand]

[Report of Gas]

The Lamps were put out at 5am & burnt well all night. Rooke

Thursday 7th to Friday 8th September 1837

Report of Gas to be Made

Until further orders the Seargeants on the night duty will put on their reports the time the Town Lamps are put out. The Insprs to see this order attended too [This entry is in the Superintendent's hand. This extraneous duty presumably allowed the Paving and Lighting Commissioners to ensure that the Gas Company complied with their contractual obligations to light the town]

Dead Horse brought to Barnwell

P.S. Smith reports that John Webb of Barnwell brought a dead horse from Milton to his premises at 2 ½ am – also that the Town Gas burnt well all night and was put out at 5 ½ am

Disturbance Prevented

P.C. Hackney reports he suppress'd a disturbance in St Peters St at 11 ¼

Tea party

P.S. Rooke reports there was a party at a new beer shop in James Street. Dancing at 2½ am.

Gas Report

P.S. Smith reports that the Gas burnt well during the night and was put out at ½ past 5 o'clock am.

Friday 8th to Saturday 9th September 1837

P.C.17 sick

P.C.19 Tyler sent a note at 8 o'clock pm to say he was sick & could not come on duty tonight.

Slaughtering Horses

P.C. Earl reports that Webb – slaughter'd a chestnut mare belonging to Dr French at Jesus Coll Also a black mare belonging to Robt Bicheno. "Mr Bland Trumpington"

Disturbance prevented

P.C. Hackney reports he suppressed a disturbance in Bridge St at 10 pm.

Cart examined

P.S.3 Smith reports that he examined a Cart belonging to Gray of Castle End at 2 am & found all correct.

Public House open late

P.S.3 Smith reports that he saw 3 persons leave the Rutland Arms Public House Botolph Lane at 3am Jno Edwards Landlord.

Gratuity

P.S. Watts reports he rec'd 6/- for his trouble of receiving tickets at the Dahlia Show at the Town Hall.

[Report of Gas]

PS Rooke reports that the gas lamps burnt well during the night and put out at 5 ½

Saturday 9th to Sunday 10th September 1837

P.C.10 to report

Jacob Garner came to say that P.C.10 Ellis was at the Little Rose Trumpington Street at 6pm very drunk and very much impos'd on him after repeatedly challenging him to fight he gave him (Ellis) two black eyes. This occur'd in the presence of Mr. Wormes the landlord, Mr. Tunwell, baker, Mr. Smith, broker and Mr. Clarke's man, a basket maker.

P.C. 10 did not come for duty at 9 pm.

P.C.10 visited

P.S. Smith reports that he visited P.C. 10 at 10pm and found him with both eyes black and unfit for duty.

Drunken man brought to the Station

P.C. Tyler brought Wm Richmond to the Station who he found lying in the Market St and had lost part of his money Tyler found 5/- which with 3/10d was left with me which Richmond will call for in the morning.

P.C.6 to report

The Supt reports P.C.6 Simkin absent from his beat at 12 o'clock. [This entry is in the Superintendent's hand]

Beer Houses to report

The whole of the Beer Houses in James Street had persons drinking in them at 10 minutes past 12am. [This entry is in the Superintendent's hand]

Fight prevented

P.C.8 Hackney reports he put a stop to a fight near the Toll Bar Castle End at 20 mints past 10pm.

P.C.20 to report

P.S. Smith reports that P.C. 20 Atkinson was drunk and asleep on his beat at 3am.

Also P.C.11 Clements ½ ho late for duty and absent from his beat at 3 ¾ am

The second part of the entry is over-written "explained"

Report of Gas

The PSs report that the gas burnt well during the night and was put out at 5 ½ am

Sunday 10th to Monday 11th September 1837

P.C.20 to report

P.S. Rooke reports P.C. Atkinson 20 came to the station at 12¼ am and brought his lamp. He was very drunk - P.S. Smith also reports the same.

Gratuity

P.S.Watts reports that P.C.s J & G Richardson each received 3/- for their attendance at the Dhalia Shew (sic) at the Town Hall – on Friday last.

P.C. to Report

P.S.Rooke Reports that P.C. Bidwell went off the Station House Beat before 5 am.

Report of Gas

PS Rooke reports that the gas lamps burnt well during the night and were put out at 5 ½ am

[P.C.s to report]

Bidwell & Simkins to be reported for being in a Public House when on duty - on Thursday night - 7th September.

Monday 11th to Tuesday 12th September 1837

Lamp lost by P.C.20 Atkinson

P.S.3 Smith reports that he went by order of the Superintendent to a Beer Shop at the corner of Abbey Street, Barnwell kept by [...] Dennis, to enquire which of the P.C.s it was that order'd him to give to the person who might bring a P.C. lamp, which he had lost, 2/6 in beer and he would take the lamp and pay for the beer - and found it to be P.C. 20 Atkinson.

Disturbance prevented

P.S. Smith reports that he put a stop to a disturbance on the East Road at 10pm.

Ditto

P.C. Bye reports he suppressed a disturbance in St Andrews Street at 9 ½ pm – P.C. Clements reports he put a stop to a fight in Wellington Row at 12 ½ pm.

Cricket Party

P.S.Smith reports there was a party of Cricketers at the Castle Inn in St Andrews Street who broke up at 12 ½ am.

Odd Fellows

There was a Lodge of odd fellows held at the William & Mary Beer House kept by Mrs Brightwell which broke up at 1 am.

Dancing Party

P.C.Pond reports there was a dance at the New Inn Parkers Piece who did not breake up till a late hour.

Holes on Parkers Piece

P.S. Stearn reports there are several deep holes on Parker's Piece occasioned by Booths being put up there and very dangerous to persons riding thereon.

Report of gas

PS Smith reports the gas burnt well during the nightand was put out at ½ pas 5

Tuesday 12th to Wednesday 13th September 1837

P.C. to report

P.C.Lee Hull reports P.C. Bidwell off his Beat ½ an hour – between 1 & 2 o'clock am. Over-written "fined 1/-"

P.C.5 sick

P.C.Garner went off sick at 11 o'clock

P.S.4 sick

P.S.Watts reported himself sick & did not come on duty at 9pm. P.C. Lee Hull acted as Sergt.

Disturbance prevented

P.S.2 Stearn reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Emmanuel Lane at 11 ¼ pm.

Fight prevented

P.C. Hackney reports he put a stop to a fight at 1 o'clock – on the East Road.

Wednesday 13th to Thursday 14th September 1837

Robbery

Insp. Green reports that a young man who had slept at his house 3 nights went away on Monday morning and stole a Silver Watch the property of Wm Newman. The young man was about 20 years old - pale freckled face - no whiskers, about 5ft 7 inches high, dressed in dark or black coat & waistcoat & gray stripe trousers with a purple moreen or camlet bag containing shirt and stockings - the watch stolen

is a plain consular case, maker Hawkes, Lime Street, London, W.N. engrav'd inside the case, with a brown guard. ~~Metal chain - key & seal~~ - says his name is Chas. Powell - has a relative named Raven Member of Magdalen College.

[It would appear that Inspector Green took in lodgers at his home in King Street Cambridge]

Coat found

P.S.2 Stearn reports that [.....gap.....] found a Macintosh Great Coat the owner can have it on application to him.

Added in a different hand "to be brought to the Station J.T.

Over-written The Macintosh was own'd by Mr Davis Brickes Maker.

Report of gas

Stearn reports that the Gas burnt well during the night and was put out at 5 ½ am

Sergeants not visiting the Men Sufficiently

The Supt observes that according to the Sergeants reports last night some of the men were only Visited twice – others three times which is not sufficient.

Thursday 14th to Friday 15th September 1837

Suspicious Characters

Mr Surgeon Newby call'd at the Station to say he observed three men going about the Town under pretence of buying Rags & old Metal & had reason to think they were thieves – Sergt Smith went out to look after them but could not find them he saw them afterwards go towards Barnwell – 2 o'clock pm.

Over-written " P.S. Smith found them at Jones Lodging House and cautioned them not to be seen again in the Town"

Gown Stolen

P.C. Tyler reports he went with a Woman (who had been to the Mayor respecting a Gown) into New Town to endeavour to obtain it, but the Woman would not give it up - saying she had bought it on Market Hill - 6 pm.

Potts for prisoners

Two tin Pots wanted for Prisoners to water.

Tea Party

P.S.Watts reports there was a dancing party at the Britannia East Road broke up at 1 ½ am all quiet.

Tea Party

Also one at Starlings Beer Shop in James Street broke up at 4am.

Shutters found open

P.C.23 Faircloth reports he found Mr Bays shutters unfastend 11 ½ pm he called them up & they were thankful.

Mail Cart broke down

P.C.15 Rider reports at 1am Mr Lee's Mail Cart broke down in Sidney St he assisted the driver with it into Mr Lee's Yard.

Report of Gas

PS Watts reports the Gas Lamps burnt well during the night and were put out about 5 o'clock

Woman of unsound mind

P.S. Smith reports that Mrs Brown of New Square came to the Station to say that Mrs. Shackerly a person of unsound mind had escap'd from her house at 5½ am. P.C. 17 Robinson found her sitting under a hedge in Fulbourn and brought her home to Mrs. Browns at 9 am.

Friday 15th to Saturday 16th September 1837

Dance at Tarrants

P.S. Watts reports there was a dance at the beer shop kept by Thos Tarrant Blucher Row all quiet at 12pm.

Disorderly Public House

P.C.11 Clements reports that Chs Low Stn Hunt and 4 Prostitutes came out of the Wellington at 11 ½ am and made great disturbance

Fight prevented

P.C. Bidwell with Ellis put a stop to a fight on Maids Causeway at 3 ¾ am.

Report of gas

PS4 reports that the gas burnd well and was put out at 5 ½ am

Window broken by a Pigeon

P.S. Stearn reports that a Pigeon flew against the window at Mr. Waters house corner of Jesus Lane and broke it at 10½ pm.

P.C.s 6 & 9 to Report

The Superint reports he found P.C.6 W. Bidwell and P.C.9 G. Richardson gossiping at the Corner of James Street at 10 minutes to 12 pm – fined 2/- each. . [This entry is in the Superintendent's hand]

Saturday 16th to Sunday 17th September 1837

Disturbance on the Market Hill

P.C.16 Benton reports he suppressed a disturbance in Market Hill at 5 ½ pm also a disturbance at the same place 7pm.

Ditto House of Commons

P.C. Bye reports he put a stop to a disturbance at the House of Commons at ¼ to 10pm.

Ditto on the East Road

P.C. Hackney reports he put a stop to a disturbance on the East Road at 11 ½ pm also at ¼ to 1 am.

Gas Lamp Broke

P.S. Watts reports that a Gas Lamp in Magdalen Street was broken down by a Cart of straw belonging to Mr. Robt. Bicheno of Barnwell he saw the Lamp taken care of & left at Mr. Thompsons, Broker, at 2½ pm.

Robbery

P.S. Watts reports that a Basket of Meat (about a stone) was stolen from the Willingham Carrier's Cart at the Ram Gateway belonging to the Clergyman of Willingham - Few, Carrier of Willingham suspects Saml Hilsdon Senr of Castle End 2pm. P.S. Simkin made enquiries but could not hear of it.

Mrs Turtle and the Sherriffs Officer

Mrs Turtle lock'd the Sheriffs Officer out - he broke open the outer door in the Passage and got in again 1am.

Disturbance at the House of Commons

P.C. Robinson reports he put a stop to a disturbance at the House of Commons at 12 o'clock.

P.C. to report

P.C. Bidwell reported by P.S. Watts for neglecting to visit a part of his beat from 5m before 3 o'clock to 25 minutes after.

Shutters found open

P.C. 13 Ballard reports he found Mr Woods Shutters in Market St unfastend at 1 am he called them up & they thanked him also put a stop to a disturbance in Market St at 1 ½ am.

Ditto

P.C. 20 Seabrook reports he found Mr Johnson Shutters in Union St unfastend at 1 am he called them up & they were thankful.

Report of gas

The Gas Lamps in the town burnt well during the night and were not put out until daylight

Application of Police

Mr Crisp of the Bull Inn wishes a P.C. to go to his House at 11 o'clock in plain cloths to apprehend some Boys who rob his garden.

Over-written "the Supt attended as also P.C. Ellis but no one came near the Garden to rob it".

P.C.25 to report

The Supt reports he was on the Newnham Beat from 20 minutes past 2, till the clock struck 3am, and could not find the Man on that beat.

Over-written " explained that he had been to the Station with two suspicious characters and having lost his helmet he went back to look for it J.T. [This entry is in the Superintendent's hand]

Sunday 17th to Monday 18th September 1837

Public House to report

Inspr Green reports there were 6 persons at the White Swann with 1 qt of ale at 11 ¼, Landlord J.Dennis.

Disturbance stopped

P.C. Ballard reports he put a stop to a disturbance at 12pm at the Waggon & Horses Markt St Stevens Landlord.

Report of gas

PSs Stearn and Watts reports that the gas burnt well and was put out at 5 ½ am

Shutters found open

P.C. Bye reports he found Mr Ploughmans Shutters open at 11 ¾ call'd them up, they were thankful.

Shop kept open during divine service

P.S. Simkin reports that Mrs Birkitt kept her shop open for sale of Greengrocery &c after 11 am and it was open all the evening.

Report of Beer House

P.S. Rooke reports that he visited the beer shops at the river side and castle end found all right

Monday 18th to Tuesday 19th September 1837

Beer House to report

P.S.Smith reports there was a benefit Club held at the Cross Keys New Town – broke up at 12 ½ am

Tory Party

P.C. Tyler reports there was a Party in Turners Booth in Palmers Close Hills Road broke up at 1 am.

Disturbance on Parkers Piece

P.C. 15 Rider reports he suppressed a disturbance on Parkers Piece at 10 ½ pm.

Tory Party at the Fair

P.C.18 Anable reports there was a Tory Party in a Booth at the Fair broke up at – [gap] kept by Wm Parrin.

Fight stopped

P.C. 9 Richardson reports he put a stop to a fight in Sidney Street at 11 ½ pm.

Report of gas

PS Rooke reports that the Town Lamps burnt well during the night and were not put out till daylight

Windows broke at New Inn

P.C. Pond reports he was called into the New Beer House on Parker's Piece to take a man for breaking windows - but he agreed to pay and no charge was made.

Tuesday 19th to Wednesday 20th September 1837

Horse Straying

P.C. Rocket reports that about 10 am. a black horse was straying about Market [Hill.] Mr. Willmot and others said it was glanderd and requested him to remove it away - it was sent to the Pound, Castle End.

Night soil to report

P.S. Rooke reports that a quantity of night [soil] was spill'd in Downing St at 11pm – the earth belongs to Low of Barnwell.

Beer house to report

P.C.Rider reports there was a meeting of the Florists Society at the New Inn Parkers Piece broke up at 3am.

Report of gas

PS Smith reports the gas burnd well during the night and was put out at 5 ½ am

Wednesday 20th to Thursday 21st September 1837

Disturbance in Binders Row suppressed.

P.C. 10 Ellis reports he suppressed a disturbance in Binders Row at 12 o'clock pm. P.C. 7 Bye reports he put a stop to a disturbance in New St at 9 ½ pm

Ditto

P.C. 24 Rockett reports at 6 ½ pm he put a stop to a fight in Butcher Row.

Ditto

P.S. Watts reports he put a stop to a fight on the Common at 6pm.

Report of gas

PS Rooke reports the Town Lamps gas burnt well during the night and were not put out till daylight

Thursday 21st to Friday 22nd September 1837

Child found and given to the mother

P.C. Rocket brought a child to the Station at 7pm found her in Trinity St about 5pm. The mother came at 8 ½ pm.

Door found open

P.C. Simkin reports that the door of Mr Allens house in Little St Marys St was open at 2am he call'd them up.

Report of gas

The gas burned well all the night and was not put out till daylight

P.C. to report

P.C. 6 Bidwell absent from 3 o'clock parade without leave.

P.C. 16 Benton had leave from parade.

Friday 22nd to Saturday 23rd September 1837

Fight stopped

P.C. 12 Earl reports he put a stop to a fight at New Town at 10 ½ pm

Report of gas

PS Rooke reports the Town Lamps burnt well during the night and were not put out till daylight

A van with a woman & children left in the Street destitute

Insp Green reports that a large Van with a woman and four children was brought to Cambridge and left near the gate of the common by a man from Newmarket. It appears that they had been removed in this way from Town to Town - from Brandon in Norfolk where their own horse died. By order of the Supt. I agreed with Wm Low to remove them 10 miles towards Edmonton which the Woman states to be their home. Low agreed to do it for 10/- and the tolls - the name on the Van is Wm Pointer, Beam & Scale Maker, London. I paid Wm Low 10/- and tollgates 8d.

Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th September 1837

Complaint

Mr Byford complains that a number of boys are in the habit of assembling together on the Hills road near his house viz – at the end of Cambridge Place on Sunday and are a great annoyance to the respectable inhabitants and persons walking there, and requests the attention of the Police.

Disturbance suppressed

P.S.3 reports that he suppressed a disturbance in George St at 12pm.

Door found open

P.C. 19 reports that A. Palmers door was unfastened at 12pm he called them up they were thankful.

Disturbance suppressed

P.C. 7 & 10 report they suppressed a disturbance in Gas Lane at 1 am also a disturbance on East Road at 3 am.

Report of gas

PS Smith reports the Gas burned well during the night and was put out at 5 ½ am

Sunday 24th to Monday 25th September 1837

Orders for Sergeants

The Sergeant on day duty will be very particular in Visiting the Lodging Houses, during the Fair & take any one into custody whom he may suspect of being about for the purpose of Committing Felony & caution them not to stop more than one night at the Lodging Houses.

[This entry is in the Superintendent's hand]

Robbery by a son

At 10 pm Mrs. Venua came to the Station to say her son had just made his escape from home taking a Horse and Gig with him - having broken the locks of the stable &c orders were given to the P.C. on the Beats leading out of the town to look out for him - it appears he went towards Newmarket. Mrs. V. wishes the Police to go after him & she will pay expenses.

Public houses visited

I visited the Public Houses in Barnwell from 11 to 12 ½ o'clock & found them all in good order J.C.

Ditto

P.S. Watts reports he visited the Public Houses by the River side & Castle End from 11 to 12 ½ o'clock & found them all in good order.

Report of gas

PS Watts reports the Gas Lamps in the town burnt well during the night and were not put out till daylight

Fight prevented

P.C. 9 Richardson reports he put a stop to a fight in Stirbich Fair at 4 pm.

Monday 25th to Tuesday 26th September 1837**P.C. to report**

P.C. 25 Spinks – 19 Tylor & 15 Rider absent at 11 o'clock parade.
Over-written "came soon after parade"

Robbery

A person of the name of Watson from Witchford Isle of Ely came to the Station to say that Eleven Geese was (sic) Stolen from his Premises on Saturday Night last. They are all marked in the feet.

Highway Robbery

Mr. Crisford of the Bull Inn sent to the Station to say that about nine pm a Gentleman was stopd on the Barton Road pulld from his horse and robd of Watch. It was so dark he should not know the Men again there were [omitted] of them. He gave no number or description of the Watch. Went on his journey to Caxton.

Fight prevented

P.C. Spink 25 reports he put a stop to a fight at the Fair between 4 & 5 am. Also in Barnwell in George Street 12 am.

Ditto

P.C. Seabrook reports he put a stop to a fight in Jesus Lane at ½ past 12 am – the parties came out of Mrs Baxters at the Crown.

Mr Green gone to Bury

Mr. Inspector Green went after young Venua to Bury by the wish of Mrs Venua - he having gone away with a very valuable horse and gig the Property of his father.

Tuesday 26th to Wednesday 27th September 1837**An order for prisoners to be sent to the Gaol occasionally.**

Application to be made to the Watch Committee for a standing order to authorize the Supt. to send to the Town Gaol any Prisoners he may think it proper to accommodate, under particular circumstances.

Report of gas

PS Watts reports the Town Lamps burnt well during the night and were not put out till daylight

Disturbance at the George

P.C. Benton reports he put a stop to a disturbance at the George Inn at 2 o'clock am and was insulted by the Landlord at the time – he also put a stop to a disturbance at the Worlds End at 4 pm.

Accident

P.C. Benton reports that Mrs Kidman of Barnwell had her foot run over by the Cab that runs to the Fair at

the top of Jesus Lane he saw J. Goldsmith about it who promised to make her some recompense, 12 noon.

Orders for the Day Men

The Men on the day duty at the Fair will take their night duty at 9 o'clock there being no occasions for them at the Fair any longer – Sgt Stearn and the Day Sergeants will attend to the Fair. [This entry is in the Superintendent's hand]

Wednesday 27th to Thursday 28th September 1837

Application for the assistance of the police

This morning a Constable from [Fulmire ?] came to the Superintendent and requested his assistance to take Mr Low of Barnwell into custody on a warrant granted by Metcalf a Magistrate of the County – to answer a Charge preferred against him for an obstruction under the Highway Act – P.C. Ballard accordingly went with him.

P.C. to report

P.C. Ellis absent from parade when for duty at 9 o'clock pm. Added in a different hand "absent all night – intends to resign in the morning".

Disturbance at the Fair prevented

P.C. Richardson 9 and Clements 11 report that they put a stop to a disturbance at the Fair at ¼ to 12 also at ½ past 12 am.

Shutters found open

P.C. Pond 22 reports he found Mr Kings shutter open in new town he call'd them up and they were thankful 1 am.

Disturbance prevented

P.C. Simkin 21 reports he put a stop to a disturbance in New Street at 12 am.

Report of gas

PS Watts reports the Town Lamps gave a good light during the night and were put out at 5 ½ am

Thursday 28th to Friday 29th September 1837

P.C. Resigned

P.C. Ellis resigned on account of his wife being averse to his remaining in the Force - 12 noon.

Dog stolen

P.S. Watts reports that a boy from Fulbourn complain'd he had a scotch Terrier dog taken from him in Market St this evening by some ladd with cordaroy trousers on & went into the True Blue – the Dog belongs to Mr White of Fulbourn has black ears nose & tail – rest part white –

Report of gas

PS Watts reports the Town Lamps burnt well during the night and were not put out till daylight

Supernumary in the room of Ellis who resigned.

George Ringwood a candidate for the police went on duty at 9pm. in the room of Ellis who has resigned.

Friday 29th to Saturday 30th September 1837

Complaint

Mr Fetch of St Andrew Street came to complain that People were in the habit of putting Night Soil down the grating in White Hart yard - and requested that the Police would endeavour to put a stop to it.

Order for the P.C. in Barnwell

The P.C. on duty in Barnwell on a Sunday will put a stop to Persons Gambling at the back of the Abbey.
[This entry is in the Superintendent's hand]

Fight prevented

P.C. Simkin reports that he put a stop to a fight on the East Road at 11 ½ pm.

Report of a lost dog

P.S.Watts made enquiry concerning the dog lost or stolen in Market Street found the lad had taken it to the True Blue. It had been lost about 4 months.

Report of gas

The Town Gas burnd well all night and was put out at daylight

Dispute respecting a stall

Some misunderstanding respecting a stall in the Butcher Row, has for some time since past existed between Richd Williams and his Brother from Swa[ve]sy [?] Mr Hallark Chairman of the Market Committee gave orders that The Police would be in attendance and prevent any breach of the Peace & see that Richard Williams had quiet possession of the Stall in question – in consequence the Police did attend and the matter was settled without and disturbance. [This entry is in the Superintendent's hand]

Apprentice absconded

Thos. French aged 16 Apprentice to Mr. Smith, Cabinet Maker, Oundle, Northamptonshire ran away from his master on Tuesday last and was traced to near Cambridge on Thursday - he is stout made - fresh complexion, hair & eyes - had on a short fustian jacket, cordoray trousers & striped waistcoat, puce coloured cap without peak.

Saturday 30th September to Sunday 1st October 1837

Shutters found open

P.C. 19 Tyler reports at 10 ½ he found Mr [Alph ?] Palmers shutters open he called them up & they were thankful.

Disturbance prevented

P.S. Stearn reports he put a stop to a disturbance in Gas Lane at 12 pm.

Report of gas

PS Stearn reports the Town Lamps burnt well during the night and were put out at daylight